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VIETNAM

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1. THE SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS ON JANUARY 25 THAT A VIETNAMESE

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DELEGATION UNDER DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACKH WILL
ARRIVE IN STOCKHOLM JANUARY 26 TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
AGREEMENT WITH SWEDEN SIGNED DECEMBER 1, 1976 (REFAIR). FIVE
MAJOR SWEDISH FIRMS ARE EXPECTED TO SIGN CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE
EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLY TURNKEY PROJECTS (SEE ARTICLE 5 OF
AGREEMENT): BOFORS, GRANGES, SALENS, JOHNSON GROUP, AND
VOLVO. THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION WILL BE HOSTED BY THE

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (LEIF LEIFLAND) AND WILL BE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE LINDER, HIS UNDER-SECRETARY, NORDENFALK, MINISTER OF COOPRATION ULLSTEN, AND DIRECTOR OF THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, MICHANEK.

COMMENT: NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN AS TO THE TYPES OF SWEDISH MATERIAL TO BE SUPPLIED, NOR THE TERMS. THE EMBASSY WILL FORWARD DETAILS AND COMMENTS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. WE BELIEVE THAT SALENS HAS DISCUSSED OIL PROSPECTING, AND RECALL THAT IT IS ALREADY INVOLVED IN THE CHINA SEA AT REED BANK WITH PHILIPPINE INTERESTS.

2. ONE SWEDISH OFFICIAL COMMENTED PRIVATELY TO THE EMBASSY THAT VIETNAMESE ABILITY TO REPAY LOANS AND CREDITS SEEMED DOUBTFUL TO HIM, AT LEAST. HE MENTIONED SWEDEN'S AS YET UNREWARDING EXPERIENCES WITH CUBA AND NORTH KOREA. THE AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 1 INCLUDES APPENDED STATEMENTS BY EACH GOVERNMENT THAT TRADE SHOULD NOT "CAUSE OR THREATEN TO CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY IN DOMESTIC MARKETS." THUS, SOME POTENTIAL VIETNAMESE EXPORTS TO SWEDEN, E.G., TEXTILES, WOULD BE SEVERELY LIMITED SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH AN ALREADY "SICK" SWEDISH TEXTILE INDUSTRY.
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